

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File 6-107

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Tosh-Allred House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Colora Road Farm lane 1/4 mile north of Colora

CITY, TOWN

Colora

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Floyd Allred

Telephone #: 658-5199

STREET & NUMBER

623 Nesbitt Road

CITY, TOWN

Colora

☒ VICINITY OFSTATE, zip code
Maryland 21917**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the circuit court

Liber #: WAS 115

Folio #: 198

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Tosh-Allred House c. 1846 is a two story three bay by one room coursed fieldstone house on a hill overlooking Colora. The farm borders the west side of Colora Road and north of Route 269. The house faces south with an east/west gable orientation.

The house rests on a partial basement and is covered with a medium sloped slate roof which has extended eaves and sloped soffits. The stone walls are laid in a semi-coursed manner on the south side with squared corners. The sides and back are laid in more of an uncoursed manner. A shorter two story two bay by one room stuccoed fieldstone kitchen wing was added to the west gable end.

The south facade consists of three evenly spaced bays around a central six panel door. 6/6 sash windows flank the door and are framed by a beaded surround. The second floor is illuminated by three identical sash. The entire exposed first floor is covered by an encircling shed roof porch which is supported by chamfered posts and "C" corner brackets. The porch has been partially enclosed.

The east gable end has two 6/6 sash on each floor and two four pane attic lights. The 1846 diamond shaped datestone is set between the two attic windows. Interior end chimneys rise out of each end and are laid in brick above the roofline. The caps are corbeled.

The north side is not arranged symmetrically since there are two doors on the first floor and one 6/6 sash in the western of three bays. The three second floor windows are not aligned with the first floor openings.

The west gable end is basically covered with the two story kitchen wing which has been stuccoed. The north side has an entrance and 6/6 sash window. The second floor is lighted by 6/3 sash. A small boxed cornice stretches across above the second floor windows. A shed roof porch supported by square posts protects the first floor.

The west gable end has a single 4/4 first floor sash but is otherwise plain except for a plain bargeboard. An interior brick stove stack rises out of the gable end.

The south side is totally covered by a modern shed addition.

The interior of the main block is divided into two rooms which is separated by an enclosed center stair. Flat six panel doors are framed by a heavy ogee curve for a surround. The windows reveals are curved. The mantel in the east room consists of fluted pilasters that supports a frieze with plain frieze blocks.

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A slightly molded shelf surmounts the frieze. The door surrounds are beveled in the west room. The rest of the house was not seen at the time of survey.

A small frame meathouse with fieldstone foundation and vertical board siding stands to the south of the kitchen. It is covered by a slate gable roof.

The farm structures are located to the east of the house. The complex is dominated by the large frame barn which is on the same axis as the main house. The box frame rests on a fieldstone foundation and is covered with vertical board siding. A perpendicular gable hay shed extends to the south of the barn. A mid 19th century corn crib stands north of the barn and rests on stone piers.

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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SPECIFIC DATES

1846

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Tosh-Allred house is extremely significant as another example of Scotch-Irish buildings of the second quarter of the 19th century. The traditional plan as seen here is the enclosed center stair which is flanked by a room on each side of the stair. The builder was probably John Tosh who appears on the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas and Patron List as having Cecil County ancestry that dates back to 1808. In 1877 he was owning 115 acres near Colora. The name Tosh doesn't seem Scotch-Irish at first but when regarded as a shortening of possibly McInTosh it seems fairly obvious. Other Tosh farms are found in the Rising Sun-Colora area and exhibit the same floor plan.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul B. Touart

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County courdthouse

DATE

11/10/81

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County committee

TELEPHONE

398-0200

CITY OR TOWN

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STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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